



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting Monday, February 8, 2016, 6:00 PM Council Chambers

Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
Vice Chairman, W.J. Frierson
Councilman, Billy G. Richardson
Councilman, AC English
Councilman Benton Blakely
County Administrator, David W. Epperson
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Press in attendance: None

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Maria Rose	Jamie Welch	Nancy Cave
Linda Lemon	And other Clarendon County Residents		

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Vice Chairman Frierson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

I. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Stewart asked for an approval of the agenda.

Administrator Epperson made a request to amend the Agenda, Item #10; he requested to change Arlen Road to Adger Road.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to amend the agenda, changing Arlen Road to Adger Road and to approve the amended agenda.

II. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on January 11, 2016 with one correction.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Special Called Council Meeting, which was held on January 28, 2016.

III. Ordinance 2015-08

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the amendment of Clarendon County Ordinance #2011-05 A/K/A The County's Unified Development Code.

IV. Ordinance 2016-01

Administration Epperson presented Council with Ordinance 2016-01, An ordinance to direct the expenditures of funds as a Supplemental Budget in addition to that budget previously approved for Clarendon County for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015 and Ending June 30, 2016.

Administrator Epperson stated that the following items are necessary:

- Court House Security

- Flood related items
- Assessment Software Update
- Transport Vehicle for Detention Center
- Other Capital Needs

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2016-01, An ordinance to direct the expenditures of funds as a Supplemental Budget in addition to that budget previously approved for Clarendon County for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015 and Ending June 30, 2016.

V. Library Board Appreciation

Mr. Jamie Welch, Chairman of The Harvin Clarendon County Library Board, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Linda Lemon and Ms. Mary Beth Gibbons in recognition for dedicated Service to the Harvin Clarendon County Library for a number of years (Ms. Gibbons was not present).

VI. Board Appointment

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to reappoint Mr. Barry Ham, Mr. John Tindal, and Mr. Charles Gavin to the Clarendon County Development Board to serve another 3-year term.

VII. Request to stop road Maintenance

Mr. Christopher B. Cogdill asked Council to stop maintenance on a portion of Adger Road. He stated that this portion of Adger Road is not being utilized and he and the other homeowners would like to put a gate across the road. Mr. Cogdill continued by stating that this would save the County some money.

- Mr. Julius Adger asked Council to consider not closing that section of Adger Road. He stated that if Council closed that section of Adger Road, then they would not have the option to go that way when the other end of the road is bad. Mr. Adger concluded by stating that they would be stuck with no way out.
- Councilman Richardson asked Mr. Adger would he reconsider his request if Council would assure him that the other end of Adger road will continued to be maintained by the County.
- Mr. Adger stated that he would go along with that, if the County will keep the other end of Adger Road maintained to a satisfactory position.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to close a section of Adger Road on the condition that the maintenance on the other end of Adger Road is kept at a satisfactory position. Chairman Stewart abstained from voting.

VIII. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating that the General Fund had Expenditures of \$1,647,646 for the month of January and Revenue figures were not available.

Mr. Anthony continued by stating that the Weldon Auditorium total Revenue for the month of January was \$24,234, and total Expenses of \$101,620. He stated that after transfers from the Accommodation taxes and Hospitality Taxes in the amount of \$77,386, the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of January with a zero balance.

Mr. Anthony further stated that the Water and Sewer Department had Operating Revenue of \$420,519 and Operating Expenses of \$255,568 as of January 31, 2016. He stated that after depreciation, transfers, interest income, and Grant Revenue totaling \$308,648, the Water and Sewer Department had Net Utility income of \$473,599.

Mr. Anthony concluded his report by asking Council if they had any questions for him.

IX. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by giving Council an update on the following projects:

- USDA Phase 1B – Project is progressing and slated for completion in April 2016.
- USDA Phase 1C – Project is temporarily on hold as a result of water levels in the area.
- USDA Phase II - Currently being surveyed and acquiring right-of-way.
- Long Term Assistance – The Federal Government has \$300,000,000 available for individuals that would be available in January 2017, but the \$300,000,000 would be shared by several states.
- County Maintained Roads – Contractors have begun permanent work on County Maintained Roads.
- All roads scheduled for paving through the County’s portion of C-Finding for 2015/2016 have been awarded to a contractor.

Administrator Epperson concluded his report by stating that the County recently purchased the Althea Gibson Center and plans are being made to renovate the existing facility to house the County DSS Office and Construct adjacent office space to house the Clarendon County probation Parole and Pardon Office and the Clarendon County Coroner’s Office.

X. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he is a member of IAC, InterAgency Council, and they meet the first Friday of each month. He stated that at February’s meeting, they received a presentation from Central Carolina Technical College (CCTC). Chairman Stewart stated that the presentation was about students being able to go to CCTC two years at no cost. He concluded his report by stating that the only requirement is that the student must maintain a “C” average.

XI. Executive Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Issue.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session. The Executive Session began at 7:03 pm.

XII. Open Session

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session. The Executive Session Ended at 7:53 pm.

Chairman Stewart stated that in Executive Session, Council discussed the contract for Administrator Epperson. He continued by stating that Administrator Epperson’s evaluation is due in February and Council gave a Favorable report for the work that Administrator Epperson is doing.

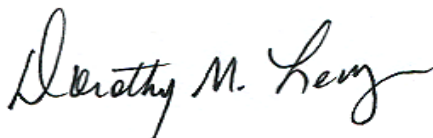
XI. Adjournment

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous approval to adjourn the Council meeting.

The Council Meeting ended at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

